

**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF WEST VIRGINIA
BECKLEY DIVISION**

ANTHONY BROWN,

Plaintiff,

v.

**Civil Action No. 5:24-cv-00152
Hon. Frank W. Volk, Judge**

BETSY JIVIDEN, et al.,

Defendants.

**DEFENDANT JEREMY RICHMOND’S MOTION TO DISMISS
PLAINTIFF’S FIRST AMENDED COMPLAINT**

NOW COMES Defendant Jeremy Richmond (“C.O. Richmond”), by counsel, Natalie C. Schaefer, Kimberly M. Bandy, and Shannon M. Rogers, and the law firm of Shuman McCuskey Slicer PLLC, and requests that Plaintiff’s First Amended Complaint be dismissed against him pursuant to Rules 8 and 12(b)(6) of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure for failure to state a claim upon which relief may be granted.

Plaintiff’s claims against C.O. Richmond were filed outside the applicable statutes of limitations, and his Amended Complaint does not relate back to the initial Complaint. Plaintiff’s initial Complaint was filed on March 26, 2024, just as the applicable two-year statute of limitations was expiring. (ECF No. 1). Jeremy Richmond was not identified as a Defendant in the initial Complaint. On May 9, 2024, Plaintiff filed his First Amended Complaint which identified C.O. Richmond for the first time. (ECF No. 23). The Amended Complaint is untimely and should be dismissed.

Additionally, pursuant to the Prison Litigation Reform Act, 42 U.S.C. § 1997e(a), Plaintiff failed to exhaust all administrative remedies, thereby barring all claims. Plaintiff failed to satisfy

the requirements set forth by WVDCR policy and failed to exhaust all administrative remedies related to the assault on March 26, 2022.

Moreover, the Amended Complaint fails to allege any plausible claims against C.O. Richmond because it contains no factual support for any claim against C.O. Richmond.

Finally, C.O. Richmond is entitled to qualified immunity with respect to the claims of constitutional violations, and under West Virginia law with respect to the negligence claims. Correctional Officer Richmond submits his Memorandum of Law contemporaneously with this Motion in further support of the relief requested.

WHEREFORE, Jeremy Richmond requests that his Motion to Dismiss be granted, that the Amended Complaint be dismissed against him, with prejudice, and for such other and further relief as the Court may direct.

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

The undersigned, counsel for Jeremy Richmond, hereby certifies that on this 27th day of August, 2024, the foregoing *Defendant Jeremy Richmond's Motion to Dismiss Plaintiff's First Amended Complaint* was electronically filed with the Clerk of the Court using the Case Management/Electronic Case Files (CM/ECF) system, which will send notification of such filing to current CM/ECF participants.

/s/ Kimberly M. Bandy

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